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SUBJ: USG CLEARANCE FOR PROPOSED BRIEFING AND PROCEDURES RELATED
TO BRIEFING OF AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS AT JOINT FACILITIES

1. LITTLE OVER TWO WEEKS AGO EMBASSY WAS PROVIDED WITH COPIES OF CABLES BEING DISPATCHED TO AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON CONTAINING DESCRIPTIVE PRESENTATION, I. E. BRIEFING, WHICH GOA PROPOSED TO GIVE TO AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS SHOULD THEY WISH TO VISIT PINE GAP AND WOOMERA. INCLUDED WAS A PAPER ON PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN PROVIDING TOUR OF FACILITIES. WHEN QUERIED MARCH 13, ADOD CONTACT STATED HE KNEW OF NO OBJECTION TO EITHER OF THESE DOCUMENTS BY USG. AS INDICATED IN THE DOCUMENTS, RECEPTION AND BRIEFING OF AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS WOULD BE HANDLED BY SENIOR AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE AT FACILITIES AT THE TIME.

2. SINCE AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT DUE TO ADJOURN FOR PERIOD OF ABOUT 10 DAYS BEGINNING MARCH 15, IT IS POSSIBLE SOME PARLIAMENTARIANS WILL REQUEST QTE SPECIAL END QTE BRIEFING OFFERED TO THEM IN BARNARD' S PARLIAMENTARY STATEMENT FEB 28. WE ARE INFORMED THAT NO SUCH REQUEST HAS BEEN RECEIVED UP TO THE TIME OF THIS CABLE. WE WOULD, NONETHELESS, APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT USG HAS APPROVED PROPOSED BRIEFING AND TOUR ARRANGEMENTS.
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